

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 – Claim 46 (Cancelled)

Claim 47 (Previously presented): A method of treating a patient with congestive heart failure, comprising:

- providing a device comprising an inflatable partitioning element with a peripheral edge and at least one anchoring element;
- positioning the device within a ventricular chamber of the patient's heart;
- inflating the inflatable partitioning element with an inflation fluid;
- engaging the peripheral edge of the inflatable partitioning element with a wall of the ventricular chamber to partition the chamber into productive and non-productive portions; and
- spacing a distal face of the inflatable partitioning element from a region of a ventricular wall defining at least in part the non-productive ventricular chamber.

Claim 48 (Previously presented): The method of claim 47 wherein the device further comprises a distal extending support element which spaces the partitioning element.

Claim 49 (Previously presented): The method of claim 47 further comprising delivering the inflatable partitioning element in a deflated configuration and expanding the inflatable partitioning element within the patient's heart.

Claim 50 (Previously presented): The method of claim 47 further comprising positioning the device within an inner lumen of an elongated catheter, percutaneously introducing the catheter into the patient's vasculature, and advancing the device therein to the patient's heart wherein the device is discharged from the catheter.

Claim 51 (Previously presented): The method of claim 47 wherein the peripheral edge of the device is secured to the wall of the ventricular chamber defining at least in part the ventricular chamber by the at least one anchoring element provided on the edge of the partitioning device.

Claim 52 – Claim 71 (Cancelled)

Claim 72 (Previously presented): The method of claim 47 wherein the inflating step comprises introducing an inflation fluid other than blood into an interior portion of the inflatable partitioning element.

Claim 73 (New): A method of treating a patient with congestive heart failure, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a treatment device having an inflatable partitioning element with a peripheral edge and at least one anchoring element;
- b. providing an inflatable supporting element extending distally from the inflatable partitioning element;
- c. positioning the treatment device within a ventricular chamber of the patient's heart; inflating the inflatable partitioning element with an inflation fluid;
- d. engaging the peripheral edge of the partitioning element with a wall of the ventricular chamber to partition the chamber into productive and non-productive portions; and
- e. spacing a distal face of the inflatable partitioning element from a region of a ventricular wall defining at least in part the non-productive ventricular chamber.